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CENTRAL FAX CENTERApplication Serial No. 10/588,171
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MAR 28 2008 Docket: CU-4989**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A percutaneous lead assembly configured to supply ~~for supplying~~ electrical signals to a medical device implanted within a body of a patient, said lead assembly comprising:

a flexible elongate member having a first portion adapted to remain external to the body of ~~[[a]]~~ the patient, said first portion having a first diameter; and

a second portion joined to said first portion and adapted to extend through a hole in a skin layer of the body of the patient,

~~[[and]]~~ wherein said second portion has ~~having~~ a second diameter which is substantially smaller than said first diameter.

2. (Previously presented) The percutaneous lead assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first portion includes a shielding layer.

3. (Previously presented) The percutaneous lead assembly as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein at least a segment of said second portion is covered with a textured surface.

4. (Previously presented) The percutaneous lead assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first portion and said second portion are joined by connectors.

5. (Previously presented) The percutaneous lead assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said percutaneous lead assembly includes a lead restraint.

6. (Canceled)

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7. (Currently amended) A percutaneous lead assembly configured to supply for supplying electrical signal signals to a medical device implanted within a body of a patient, wherein said lead assembly comprising:

[[has]]a flexible elongate member including a first unshielded portion configured to extend that extends through a hole in a skin layer of the body of the patient; and

a second shielded portion which is configured to be joined to said first unshielded portion at a site external to the body of the patient.